

PENNSYLVANIA CONVENTION REPORT.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL
STATE CONVENTION OF THE BRETHREN
CHURCH OF PENN., HELD AT
BRIDGEPORT, GREEN CO., PA.
OCT. 13TH, 1894.

FIRST SESSION, SATURDAY MORNING.

The session opened with devotional services conducted by W. H. Harmon. The chairman, Eld. J. H. Knepper, then read his annual report, for which see page two.

The election of officers was then in order and the following were elected: Chairman, W. L. Spanogle; Vice Chairman, D. J. Bole; Secretary, M. C. Myers; Treasurer, D. K. Bole.

The following committees were then appointed:

Enrollment, —D. J. Bole, J. F. Koontz, sister D. K. Bole. Credentials, —Henry Wise, D. J. Bole, J. F. Koontz. Queries, —W. A. Harmon, Isaac Lewis, Charles Crawford. Parochial report, —Charles Crawford, S. R. Smouse, Henry Wise.

The Board of Supply then made the following report:

We had no requests for any work, therefore no work was done.

There being one vacancy in the Board of Supplies, J. B. Wampler was elected for a term of three years.

The Board of Appeals made its report which was accepted. It was as follows:

We, your Board of Appeals were not in session during last convention year. J. H. KNEPPER, J. B. WAMPLER, H. GOCHNOUR.

One vacancy occurring in the Board of Appeals, J. B. Wampler was re-elected for a term of three years.

The report of the Trustees of Ashland College was then called for, which was made and was favorable.

In the death of brother Cobaugh there occurred a vacancy. M. C. Myers was elected trustee for a term of three years.

The treasurer of the Mission Board then made the following report which was accepted.

Received of R. Z. Replogle, secretary of Mission Board, \$92.93. Paid to J. B. Wampler, evangelist for the year 1893, \$92.33. Balance in treasury, \$60. B. GOCHNOUR, Treas.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30.

SECOND SESSION, 1:30.

The session opened with singing. The secretary's report was read and approved.

The necessity of consecrated effort in order to do successful missionary work was taken up and ably discussed by J. B. Wampler, W. L. Spanogle and others.

There being two vacancies in the Mission Board, Daniel Crawford and R. Z. Replogle were elected for a term of three years.

A motion was made and carried "that inasmuch as a balance of twenty dollars is yet due J. B. Wampler from the Altoona church which was under the State Mission,

it is hereby resolved by the convention that the Mission Board assume the payment of said amount and also the interest accruing upon the amount due brother Wampler as per treasurers report."

The resolution of last convention "to pay our quota of twenty-five cents per capita to pay what is due the state evangelist and use the balance as directed by the Mission Board," was re-adopted. A motion was made and carried that the missionary money collected and paid in be credited to the respective churches for the year, 1894.

E. I. Lewis read a very excellent paper which was well taken and ordered to be published in the EVANGELIST.

Committee on Credentials made its report which was accepted and the credentials received the seal of the convention.

Number of charges reported, fifteen; number of congregations reported, twenty-four. The state treasurer's report was made and accepted. It was moved and carried that the Sunday school conference treasurer pay into the state treasury the amount of money in his hands.

THIRD SESSION, 7:30 P. M.

The session was opened by devotional services conducted by M. M. Sterling. Secretary's report read and approved. Committee on Parochial report made his final report which was placed on file. A public collection was taken which amounted to five dollars and twenty cents. Two recitations were then given by Miss Kate Jones and Miss Annie Province, both of which were good productions and well rendered.

It was moved and carried that the balance of seventeen dollars and seventy-eight cents in the state treasury be paid to the Mission Board.

W. L. Spanogle then read a very excellent paper on "Theoretical and Practical Christianity," which was well taken and ordered to be sent to the Brethren Book and Tract Committee to be published in pamphlet form. The Committee on Resolutions then made its report which was accepted and ordered to be published with the minutes.

We, your committee, deem it proper to offer the following:

1st. Be it resolved that we take to heart the work of this convention; that we put it into action; and that God be petitioned for blessings upon as much of it as he approves.

2nd. Be it the opportunity of the visiting portion of this convention to express itself heartily grateful for the cheery way in which the brethren and sisters of Bridgeport and Quiet Dell have voluntarily given of their abundance and best.

3rd. Be it the voice of this convention that it express satisfaction with the able manner in which the chair has been filled.

4th. That we tender thanks unto those reading papers and giving recitations for the pleasant entertainment afforded.

5th. That this convention express its delight with the inspiring music of the home and Pittsburgh orchestra.

6th. Inasmuch as Dr. J. C. Kennedy, of Pittsburgh is pleased to be with us as a delegate, therefore are we glad to have his presence.

7th. Be it resolved that we as delegates and ministers give proper encouragement and assistance to the mission cause as a means of evangelization.

8th. That we all congratulate ourselves upon having had an excellent convention.

9th. Be it resolved that we express ourselves well pleased with the conduct of the large number of people attending the convention.

10th. Be it resolved by this house that we express our hearty gratitude for the most delightful way in which the executive committee has discharged the duties of its office to our enjoyment and good. COMMITTEE.

SUNDAY, OCT. 14TH, 9:30.

Sunday school conducted by J. H. Knepper. Sermon at 10:30 by W. L. Spanogle.

SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30.

Communion, Eld. J. H. Knepper officiating. After singing and prayer conference adjourned, feeling that this was one of the best conventions ever held by the Brethren of Pennsylvania.

M. C. MYERS, Sec.

OFFICERS.

Moderator, W. L. Spanogle; Ass't. Moderator, D. J. Bole; Secretary, M. C. Myers.

BOARD OF SUPPLY.

Elected.	Time.
Stephen Hildebrand, 1892	3 years.
Dr. U. M. Beachly, 1893	3 "
J. B. Wampler, 1894	3 "

BOARD OF APPEALS.

J. H. Knepper, 1892	3 "
H. Gochmour, 1893	3 "
J. B. Wampler, 1894	3 "

TRUSTEES OF ASHLAND COLLEGE.

D. J. Bole, 1893	3 "
M. C. Myers, 1894	3 "

BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Albert Trent, 1892	3 "
Wm. Gochmour, 1892	3 "
Geo. S. Brown, 1893	3 "
Wm. H. Menges, 1893	3 "
Daniel Crawford, 1894	3 "
R. L. Replogle, 1894	3 "

RESOLUTIONS.

Passed at the Pa. State Conference.

WHEREAS, Our brother in the ministry and most worthy co-laborer, Elder A. D. Gnagey, has been called from our state, and our personal associations, and assigned to another field of labor, and

WHEREAS, He has been one of our most earnest, and assiduous laborers in the cause of the Master, and highly successful as a pastor, and had attained to high standard in the Gospel ministry, and by his untiring laborers, has brought forth a complete and practical series of Sunday school lesson helps, whereby, the Brethren church has been greatly aided in the S. S. work, and who has also been the able and proficient secretary of our state Sunday School and Ministerial conventions for years, and by his personal character, deportment and standing in the ministry—worthy of our emulation. Therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That while we much regret the loss of our dear brother and co-laborer in Pennsylvania, in the ministry, and are thus deprived of his wise and able council in our State Conference, yet we meekly bow our acceptance of what seemed to be wisdom on the part of our National Conference, in thus calling him to higher and more general work. Thus placed in the editorial chair of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST, a calling for which he seems excellently fitted, a sphere of greater latitude, a field for wider operations, thus exemplifying the wisdom of our National Conference.

2nd. That the Brethren church of Pennsylvania, in Conference assembled, pledged its sympathy and support to our brother, editor elect, and in our respective parishes, exert a greater effort to increase the subscription list of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST and by this effort, and by our prayers, show that we are all interested in the success of our dear brother Gnagey, in the paper of which he is editor, and in the welfare and prosperity of the church at large, and strive hard to become the banner state in the year of our Lord 1895.